development of new observing systems such as buoys, Doppler Weather Radars and new generation satellites, these forecasts will improve further.

**Establishment of National Institute of Environment, Health and Sciences**

†1472. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have suggested to establish National Institute of Environment, Health and Sciences and its regional institute all over India, keeping in view the ill effect of air pollution, water pollution and hospital wastes on health; and

(b) if so, the framework of such institutions and the annual expenditure to be incurred on them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Setting up steel and Alumina Plants in Orissa**

1473. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether 19 companies have submitted their proposals to set up steel and alumina plants in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the status of all proposals and reactions of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) No prior permission is required for setting up steel and alumina plants barring certain locational restrictions. Entrepreneurs are free to set up these plants based on their commercial judgement. As per the information received from State Govt. of Orissa only 14 companies have submitted their

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proposals to set up steel and alumina plants in Orissa. Status of these proposals is furnished in the Statement.

***Statement***

*List of Steel & Alumina plants under implementation/in the pipeline to be set up in Orissa*

| Sl. No. | Project | Status |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Hindalco Industries Ltd. | Land acquisition under progress |
| 2. | Sterlite India | Land acquisition in progress. MOU signed with State Govt. for implementation. |
| 3. | Utkal Alumina International Ltd. | Work in progress |
| 4. | Jindal Steel & Power | Land acquisition under process. TEFR prepared by Dastur & Co. |
| 5. | Bhusan Ltd. | Land acquisition/alienation in final stages. Placed orders for critical equipments. |
| 6. | VISA International Ltd. | 300 acres of land allotted in Duburi Industrial Complex. |
| 7. | Aarti Steel Ltd. | Land under acquisition/alienation. Project report under preparation. Orders for critical equipments placed. |
| 8. | Shyam DRI Ltd. | Land under acquisition/alienation. |
| 9. | SMC Power Generation Ltd. | 32 acres of Govt. land has been allotted and balance land under acquisition. Feasibility Report prepared. Orders for critical equipment placed. |
| 10. | Neepaz Metaliks (P) Ltd. | The company has purchased around 80 acres of land in Chandrihariharpur 20 KMs. from Rourkela and applied for 200 acres of land to IDCO. 60,000 |

| Sl. No. | Project | Status |
|---|---|---|
| | | TPA sponge iron capacity already gone into production. |
| 11. | Deo Mines & Minerals Ltd. | Pre feasibility report has been prepared by M/s. M.N. Dastur *&* Co. (P) Ltd. |
| 12. | Bhushan Steel & Strips Ltd. | Land acquisition in progress. Feasibility report repared by MECON. |
| 13. | Jindal Strips Ltd. | 300 acres of land has been allotted at Duburi Industrial Complex. Feasibility report under preparation by MECON. |
| 14. | Scaw Industries Limited | 55 acres of land in Gundichapada Industrial Estate has already been allotted. |

**Subsidy to steel exporters**

†1474. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether steel producing group of American companies have alleged that Government is providing subsidy to steel exporters due to which steel industry of America is at stake; and

(b) if so, the total subsidy which is being provided to steel exporters alongwith reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) Since 1998 USA has initiated three anti-subsidy and a safeguard investigations against import of steel products from India. In these investigations various export promotion schemes of Government of India like Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB), Advance Licence, Special Import Licence, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG), Tax Exemption for export profits under Income Tax Act - 80 HHC and Programmes being administered by various State Governments have been targeted. All these schemes

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